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A.—(*a*) None.

(*b*) The Government have not decided to make the roads in question. They will enquire from the District Boards of Malabar and South Kanara whether they propose that the existing roads in their districts should be extended to meet on the boundary.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire why the South Kanara district is not connected by roads with the rest of the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sure the hon. Member knows that South Kanara is connected with Mercara by road."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Mercara is not part of the Presidency. How does it happen that my district is not connected with Malabar and the rest of the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" My hon. Friend, who knows the features of the districts better than I do, will understand that it is a matter of spending several lakh s of rupees."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is it because that South Kanara is a negligible part of the Presidency ? "

Many hon. Members :—" No, no."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sure that the South Kanara district will not be neglected, as long as we have Mr. Saldanha."

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" Will the Government consider the question, if a resolution is passed by the District Board of South Kanara to open up the road communication with Malabar ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Government will consider the question when the proposal comes up."

Bifurcation of the Chingleput Taluk Board.

*128 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal before the Government of Madras to bifurcate the taluk board of Chingleput ;

(*b*) whether the taluk board of Chingleput has passed a resolution against the proposal, and whether the Collector of Chingleput also is against the proposal ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have passed orders in the matter, and if so, to what effect ; if no order has been passed, what is the reason for the delay, and when the final order can be expected ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The decision of the question has been deferred.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know, Sir, for how long this question has been deferred ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question was deferred to be considered again at the end of the financial year."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know the reason for the delay especially when the opinions of the Collector and the taluk board are there ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Government are examining the possible advantages of such a bifurcation. "

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" Is it a fact that the Collector has opined that the proposal was prompted by political considerations ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I believe people did think so."

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" In view of the fact that a resolution has been tabled on this subject and in view of the statement of the hon. Minister that the Local Boards Act will be amended, may I ask the hon. Minister to postpone the consideration of this question till the Act is amended ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I shall consider the matter carefully."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" May I know from whom this idea of bifurcation originated at first ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice of the question."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" What was the danger that was suddenly apprehended to avert which this bifurcation was proposed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It was found that the area was rather too large to be under one taluk board."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" From what source did this information reach the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" From the President, District Board."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" What was the approximate date when this information was sent to the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice of the question."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" What are the special circumstances of this taluk board for considering its bifurcation apart from so many other taluk boards in the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice of the question."

Public Works

Public Works subdivisions in South Kanara and Malabar.

* 129 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Public Works subdivisions in the districts of South Kanara and Malabar with their headquarters ;

(b) whether it is proposed to transfer the headquarters of the Northern subdivision now at Mangalore to Tellicherry and, if so, on what grounds ; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take ?